coal price is less than 6 paise per unit in the cost of electricity generation, and will thus have only marginal impact on SEBs.

**Demand for autonomy under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution**

*134. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many ethnic tribal groups are demanding for autonomy under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Assam Government has already committed to recommend the matter to the Centre; and

(c) if so, the Centre's stand in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Assam has constituted a Ministerial Sub-Committee to examine the matter. However, no proposal has been received from the Government of Assam so far.

**Employment to rural people of Uttar Pradesh under SJGY**

*135. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed to provide employment to the rural people in Uttar Pradesh under the Swaran Jayanti Gram in Yojana during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial made during this period; and

(c) the details of actual amount spent out of the allocated fund and the achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) (1) Under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) no physical targets are fixed for providing employment to the rural poor. During the last three years about 3,60,491 swarozgaries have been assisted in Uttar Pradesh.

(2) The details of funds allocated, utilized and achievement made under SGSY in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as under:—

| Year | Allocation (C+S)* | Utilization | Achievement (Swarozgaris Assisted) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (Rs. in lakh) | | (In Nos.) |
| 2001-2002 | 14012.49 | 15536.66 | 121400 |
| 2002-2003 | 14012.49 | 14721.83 | 98469 |
| 2003-2004 | 19358.31 | 19564.60 | 140622 |

*Centre+State

**Impact of Chinese Silk on India Silk Industry**

*136. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether silk items from China are flooding the Indian market, thereby jeopardizing the interests of indigenously produced silk; and

(b) if so, the details and how this onslaught is proposed to be countered to protect the Indian silk industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, there has been increase in imports of raw silk, silk yarn and Fabrics from China in the last three years. Import of raw silk from China has grown from 6317 in 2001-02 to 7296 MT (prov) in 2003-04 (upto Feb., 04) and import of silk fabrics from 188 MT in 2000-01 to 2783 MT in 2002-03 to 1153 MT (prov) in 2003-04 (till Sept., 04) even while prices have declines. This has had disruptive effect on the domestic market of silk.

Several steps have been taken to stabilize the domestic silk industry. These include the following:

(i) antidumping duty has been imposes! by Government of India with effect from 2nd January, 2003 on all imported malberry raw silk (not thrown) of international grade 2 A and below, originated in or exported from People's Republic of China, so as to keep the landed value of these goods at US$ 27.97 per kg.